



FALMOUTH

Barnstable County



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NARRATIVE

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Falmouth is a large town geographically, and probably has one of the longest coastlines in the State. Consequently, there is a lot of land development with high value, high demand, and the choice views that create real property wealth. There is a lot of very attractive development in the community, because people have the money to invest in those waterfront or water-view properties

At the same time, Falmouth has a lot of agencies that are very attentive to the environmental demands of that coastline, whether it be the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, Shellfish Warden, Harbormaster and the Board of Selectmen, .

Large geographical tracts of land have been set aside for public conservation, not necessarily exclusively waterfront, but some of the woodland and back land areas that are the natural habitat for wildlife and are locations that also serve to enhance the attractiveness of the community. Falmouth, like every community tries to retain attractiveness in the face of growth pressure.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, situated on the shoulder, or southwest end, of Cape Cod. Bordered by Bourne and Sandwich on the north; Mashpee on the east; Buzzards Bay on the west; and Gosnold, Vineyard Sound, and Nantucket Sound on the south. Falmouth is 72 miles southeast of Boston and 239 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 54.44 sq. miles

Land Area: 44.26 sq. miles

Population: 27,960

Density: 632 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hyannis Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.4°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Falmouth, Woods Hole, Pocasset, Onset, Cotuit, Vineyard haven

Regional Planning Agency

Cape Cod Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 548-7611

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1686

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	19,284		
Democrats	6,303	32.7	%
Republicans	3,289	17.1	%
Other parties	2	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	9,690	50.2	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Falmouth town, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	32,660	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	32,660	100.0
Male.....	15,252	46.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	417	1.3
Female.....	17,408	53.3	Mexican.....	58	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,466	4.5	Puerto Rican.....	204	0.6
5 to 9 years.....	1,896	5.8	Cuban.....	20	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	2,188	6.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	135	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	1,767	5.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	32,243	98.7
20 to 24 years.....	1,016	3.1	White alone.....	30,207	92.5
25 to 34 years.....	3,006	9.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	5,000	15.3	Total population.....	32,660	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	4,862	14.9	In households.....	31,826	97.4
55 to 59 years.....	2,194	6.7	Householder.....	13,859	42.4
60 to 64 years.....	1,927	5.9	Spouse.....	7,201	22.0
65 to 74 years.....	3,926	12.0	Child.....	8,209	25.1
75 to 84 years.....	2,549	7.8	Own child under 18 years.....	6,150	18.8
85 years and over.....	863	2.6	Other relatives.....	1,115	3.4
Median age (years).....	45.0	(X)	Under 18 years.....	433	1.3
18 years and over.....	25,896	79.3	Nonrelatives.....	1,442	4.4
Male.....	11,812	36.2	Unmarried partner.....	605	1.9
Female.....	14,084	43.1	In group quarters.....	834	2.6
21 years and over.....	25,135	77.0	Institutionalized population.....	386	1.2
62 years and over.....	8,517	26.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	448	1.4
65 years and over.....	7,338	22.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	3,142	9.6	Total households.....	13,859	100.0
Female.....	4,196	12.8	Family households (families).....	8,976	64.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	3,352	24.2
One race.....	32,037	98.1	Married-couple family.....	7,201	52.0
White.....	30,502	93.4	With own children under 18 years.....	2,429	17.5
Black or African American.....	593	1.8	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,404	10.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	168	0.5	With own children under 18 years.....	759	5.5
Asian.....	300	0.9	Nonfamily households.....	4,883	35.2
Asian Indian.....	32	0.1	Householder living alone.....	4,136	29.8
Chinese.....	125	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,947	14.0
Filipino.....	28	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	3,661	26.4
Japanese.....	43	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	4,971	35.9
Korean.....	39	0.1	Average household size.....	2.30	(X)
Vietnamese.....	14	-	Average family size.....	2.84	(X)
Other Asian ¹	19	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	5	-	Total housing units.....	20,055	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	13,859	69.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	2	-	Vacant housing units.....	6,196	30.9
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	5,615	28.0
Some other race.....	469	1.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.0	(X)
Two or more races.....	623	1.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	5.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	13,859	100.0
White.....	30,994	94.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	10,749	77.6
Black or African American.....	836	2.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	3,110	22.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	328	1.0	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.37	(X)
Asian.....	381	1.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.03	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	27	0.1			
Some other race.....	759	2.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 147

Conventional Federal: 163

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 71

Federal (Section 8): 347



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Falmouth is situated on Cape Cod, a 65-mile long sandy peninsula comprising Barnstable County. The Cape has excellent highway, rail, bus and air connections to other parts of New England. Air, bus, and passenger rail service expand during the summer months to accommodate the large numbers of tourists.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 28 and 151.

Rail

The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Falmouth. Contact number: (617) 380-3556

Bus

Falmouth is a member of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), which provides fixed route service to points in Mashpee and Barnstable. CCRTA also operates a b-bus demand response service. Bonanza Bus Lines provides commuter service between Falmouth and Boston. Bonanza provides service to Woods Hole, location of the Steamship Authority.

Other

Barnstable Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, has 2 asphalt runways 5,249' and 5,430'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Bonanza Bus Lines provides service to Logan Airport, and to ferry service to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket from Woods Hole. The Island Queen provides ferry service from Falmouth to Martha's Vineyard.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Falmouth Historical Society

Palmer Avenue at Village Green

(508) 548-4857

Aquarium of the National Marine Fisheries Service

166 Water Street, Woods Hole

(508) 548-7684

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Falmouth Hospital

Long Term Care

Falmouth Nursing Home

Freedom Crest Nursing Home

Jml Care Center, Inc.

Royal Megansett Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Fraser Rest Home Of Falmouth

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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